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(003259.00016)

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Title: Hydrophobe Associative Polymers and Compositions and Methods
Employing Them

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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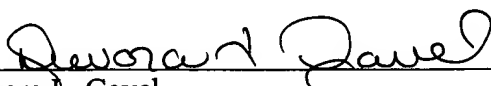
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on January 2, 2004.
Please amend the instant application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin at page 2 of this paper

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 10 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.

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